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## REPRESENTATIVE DOYLE NAMED VICE-CHAIR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Representative Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) has been appointed Vice-Chair to the recently announced Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. The task force was created to study and create policy initiatives to reduce and reverse the trend of increasing deaths from suicide.

"I am very pleased to be named Vice-Chair of this important task force, and to become a voice for Western Wisconsin in this discussion," said Doyle. The Committee is comprised of 15 members appointed by the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

Members of the task force will travel the state and hold public hearings to gather feedback from survivors, advocates, experts, families and communities who have been impacted.

"Suicide is a heartbreaking and devastating hardship that has impacted too many of our friends, neighbors, and community members. It's time we work to address this issue."

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, more than 700 Wisconsinites die by suicide every year. Adults between the ages of 45 and 54 have the highest rate of suicide and it is most prevalent in adult males. With the increasing rates of suicides across the country and in Wisconsin, the task force will make policy recommendations to reverse the trend and save lives.

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